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The District Nineteen Organization of
The American Contract Bridge League

District 19 ACBL Board Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2025 (Zoom)

1. President Karen Rise called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. November 10, 2025. She declared a quorum with the following Board Members present: Karen Rise, Marilyn Olson, JP Weber, Don Bladow, Marv Norden, Ann Romeo, Randy Ross, Marla Patterson, Julie Smith, and Andrew Krywaniuk. Also attending: Matt Koltnow, Tim White, Becky Stevens. As board member elect, Shelley Burnham observed.

2. Meeting Agenda was approved.

3. The minutes of the Sept. 5, 2025 meeting were approved with the correction of: (Item 4) Confirmation of the following Board Member appointment of Andrew Krywaniuk was approved, becoming effective immediately.

4. **Financial Report:** Becky reported the good news that Penticton and Lynnwood made money. Whistler is still pending finalization of outstanding expenses. Recaps of the tournament finances have been emailed to each board member and will be added to Dropbox.

5. District Logo: The Board was unanimous it keeping our existing D19 Logo in lieu of the suggestion by ACBL.

6. **Election Report:** Marilyn welcomed Shelley Burnham as our new Board Member for Vancouver Island effective January 1, 2026 and said our "Goodbyes" and much appreciation for JP Weber and his many years of participation.

   Board Members, Ann Romeo, Marla Patterson, Julie Smith, and Marilyn Olson were reminded that their term ends Dec. 31, 2026 and must notify the Election Chairman of their decision to file for reelection by July 15, 2026.

7. **Newsletter:** JC continues to do a great job revitalizing our D19 Newsletter. She will be posting it the first Tuesday, following the 6th of month, so that all masterpoint winners will have been posted and can be reported.

8. **STaC:** Andrew reported that Unit 430 has opened up their STaC game to all D19 Units.

9. JP sent us a great recap of the history of our Website and analysis of who uses it. Players are using the site, in particular, for tournament information.

10. Tim informed us of the ACBL Board Meeting later this month ie: finances for the future budget and his concern regarding the ACBL's ability to be a part of International Bridge, which has become an issue. We will get his year-end report in January.

    Also, he asked that the Grassroot Funds be made clear in our budget, and Becky has agreed to include this item under assets on our Balance Sheet.

11. **GNT/NAP/NABC:** Ann reviewed the current plans for NAP and GNT. The finals for "A" and "C" to be held at Leavenworth Regional and "B" will be at Burnaby Regional. She would like to see the GNT be a (1) day only event, giving players time to enter Regional events.

    NABC planning is going well and ACBL is pleased how far ahead we are in the planning process.

    Ann is also looking into Sign-up Genius, an app that maybe be beneficial for tracking volunteers and partnerships.

12. **Tournament Oversite:** When a tournament in Canada is 7 days long i.e., two sessions on Monday (a one-session Monday event is only 6.5 days long) there is a mandatory assessment on the 1st session Monday that must be paid to the Canadian Bridge Federation. A check for $252.00 will be sent to the CBF. An assessment of $245.00 on the 2nd session must go to a Canadian charity of the district's choice. Marv agreed to find a charity local to Whistler with the stipulation that it benefits a food bank type group.

    2025 Whistler: Much discussion about losing money on the room block and why so many do not use it. Marv tells us The Chateau want us back and are willing to make concessions. Possibly, if we commit, they will waive all or part of the room block amount owing this year. Marv feels a 10:00/3:00 schedule will be far better and would be very beneficial in meeting our F&B agreement. They would like 2027, but Marv will offer Spring of 2028. As it stands at this time, there is an approximate shortage of $23,000 on the room block and $8,000 on the F&B.

    2026 Leavenworth: Karen - all is fine.

    2026 Lynnwood: Marla – Working on the schedule, otherwise all is fine. There was discussion, without resolution, about whether to hold a game on Monday or to start all events on Tuesday.

    2026 Kennewick: Marilyn - (Blake Harrop – TC) Note: the board initially approved the tournament to be held at the Red Lion in Pasco, however previously undisclosed terms in their offer made that location unacceptable. Consequently, the Red Lion in Kennewock was contacted and has agreed to a very reasonable contract. The application for the sanction is in process and the flyers will be ready after the first of the year.

2027 April – Victoria (Sidney)
June – Penticton
August – Lynnwood
Fall – Abandon fall regional due to NABC. Matt suggested we look into areas such as Kamloops, Kimberly who may want a Regional that won't affect attendance at NABC.
Marv has agreed to research this.

13. **Grant Money:** Karen announced that $38,000 in grant money has been received post-covid. Totals for BC Regionals is unknown, but significant.

    It was just announced that the 2026 Lynnwood regional has been granted $10.000.

    Leavenworth and Kennewick are in process for 2026 but won't be announced until December.

14. **Election of Officers:** Don moved and Randy seconded that existing officers remain in place for 2026, unanimously approved.

15. There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Olson, Secretary